

[12th December 1923]

IV

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to inform the House that the following six gentlemen have been nominated for election to the House Committee:—

Mr. P. T. Rajan.	Mr. J. A. Davis.
„ A. V. Bhanoji Rao.	„ R. Veerian.
„ V. Madhava Raja.	„ Abdul Hye Sahib.

As the number of candidates for election is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, I hereby declare the abovementioned gentlemen to have been duly elected under Regulation II (4) of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of Single Transferable Vote."

V

ELECTION OF TWELVE MEMBERS TO THE SENATE.

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"With reference to the point raised on the 20th November 1923 in regard to the election of twelve members to the Senate of the Madras University by means of the Single Transferable Vote, I have to inform the House that the hon. the Advocate-General, who was consulted, shares the view expressed by the hon. the Law Member, that, inasmuch as the Madras University Act prescribed election according to the principle of proportionate representation by means of the Single Transferable Vote only for the constituency of registered graduates, the same method cannot be followed in election by any other electorate under the same Act. Having regard to this opinion I have decided that the non-official Members of this Council should elect their twelve representatives to the Senate in one of the ordinary modes. There are two alternative methods: one will be to vote by ballot at a meeting of the House, and the other, to vote by post. It seems to me that the latter method may preferably be adopted in the present case. I accordingly prescribe 3 p.m. on the 22nd December as the latest time at which nominations of candidates will be received by the Secretary. If they are not delivered in person, they should be sent to him by registered post, so as to reach him not later than the 22nd December. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies (12), he will at once get voting papers prepared and sent to hon. Members by post. Voting papers should be either delivered to the Secretary in person or sent by post so as to reach him before 3 p.m. on the 10th January 1924."

VI

MOTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION—*cont.*

The Council then resumed discussion on the above Motion.*

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Sir, in rising to support this Motion I wish to state clearly at the outset that I do not treat this as a party question at all. I am glad that my Friend Mr. Satyamurti who moved this Resolution emphasized that point and appealed to the hon. Members of this House to treat this from a non-party

* That this Council recommends to the Government of Madras that it should withdraw from any further participation in the British Empire Exhibition of 1924 to be held in London.